

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2529 - HB 2693**

February 16, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires criminal history background checks for all childcare providers beginning January 1, 2001. Requires local and state checks for most persons and a national records check for those who have lived in Tennessee for less than five years. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Children's Services will notify the childcare provider and the employer of the results of the background check and whether the person is eligible for employment. All information from the criminal history is to remain confidential. The childcare provider pays the cost of local and state record checks and the department shall pay the cost of national record checks where necessary. The bill allows, but does not require, state or local agencies that contract with the state to implement background checks for volunteers, foster parents or adoptive parents.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Increase State Expenditures -</b>	<b>\$327,000 Recurring</b>
	<b>\$491,650 One-Time</b>
<b>Increase State Revenues -</b>	<b>\$144,000 Recurring</b>
	<b>\$480,000 One-Time</b>
<b>Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures -</b>	<b>\$177,500 Recurring</b>
	<b>\$242,700 One-Time</b>

Estimate assumes:

A need for 5 positions and associated expenses in the Department of Human Services to coordinate and investigate background checks of childcare applicants.

Expenses in DHS for background checks on department staff in the first year and for new hires in subsequent years.

Costs for approximately 6,000 FBI background checks of childcare workers in the first year and 1,800 on an annual basis, who have not resided in the state for 5 years, to be paid for by the Department of Human Services as required by the bill.

Cost for approximately 12,000 background checks in the first year and 3,400 on a recurring basis for child care workers of providers under contract to the Department of Children's Services to be paid for by the Department of Children's Services.

Cost for 5 positions and associated costs in the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to perform background checks on a total of 32,000 applicants in the first year and 9,400 on a recurring basis. Included are payments to the FBI of \$184,000 in the first year and \$55,200 recurring.

An increase in state revenues for background checks on approximately 20,000 childcare workers in the first year and 6,000 in subsequent years, which are to be conducted by the TBI and are to be paid for by childcare providers

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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